

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-55 have been canceled in response to a restriction requirement. Claims 56-62 stand allowed. Only allowed claims 56-62 are now pending.

II. The Information Disclosure Statement

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that the information disclosure statement filed on 8/19/2002 failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) which requires a legible copy of each US and foreign patent. Applicants respectfully submit that a copy of each of the cited references was provided with the filed information disclosure statement but that the foreign references were apparently lost or separated from the file after receipt by the Patent Office. In addition, it appears that the second page of the information disclosure statement was also lost or misplaced since the Examiner returned an initialed copy of only the first page of the two page information disclosure statement.

Proof of receipt of the references with the information disclosure statement is provided herewith in the form of a Post Card receipt stamped by the Patent Office acknowledging receipt of the information disclosure statement and a total of 6 references AA-AF. A copy of the complete previously submitted information disclosure statement along with references AC-AF which were not considered by the Examiner are submitted

herewith. Applicants request that the Examiner review and consider the complete information disclosure statement and references cited therein. **Applicants believe that there should be no additional fee for consideration of the information disclosure statement since it was timely submitted and received by the Patent Office along with the cited** references (as acknowledged by the post card receipt a copy of which is provided herewith). However, if any additional fee is due to obtain consideration of the information disclosure statement, the required fee is authorized to be charged to Straub & Pokotylo Deposit Account 50-1049.

III. The Objections to the Specification Have Been Overcome

The Examiner objected to the specification because of the length of the abstract. The abstract has been amended so that it is now under 150 words. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the abstract has been overcome.

The Examiner also objected to the specification indicating that the title was not descriptive. Applicants have amended the title. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the title has also been overcome.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that the

pending claims are in condition for allowance.
Accordingly, the Applicants request that the Examiner
pass this application to issue after consideration of the
references cited in the previously submitted information
disclosure statement which has been resubmitted in
conjunction with this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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